HEDGE END TOWN COUNCIL - MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18 MARCH 2026

Cllrs. Present: Cllr Paul Carnell, Cllr Helen Corben, Cllr Tonia Craig, Cllr Leigh Hadaway, Cllr Keith House, Cllr John Jupe, Cllr Dave Kinloch, Cllr Ron Nichols (Chair), Cllr James Paine, Cllr John Shepherd

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Cynthia Garton, Cllr Rupert Kyrle, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris**,** Cllr Derek Pretty

2. **Public Questions not on the Agenda**
   There were no public questions.

3. **Declarations of Interest**
   None were declared.

4. **To Receive a Police Report**
   PCSO Tracey Chilcott was not in attendance and no statistics were received.

5. **To receive the Speedwatch results**
   Councillors noted the results.

6. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 February 2026.**

   RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 February be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7. **Approval to Apply to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) for borrowing to support the delivery of Drummond Refurbishment.**
   The Clerk outlined the discussions led by the Policy & Resources Committee regarding the proposed refurbishment of the building. The Committee has proposed to apply for Public Works loan of £110,000 for the term of not more than 7 years with the annual loan payments of approx. £21,258 It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments. **RESOLVED: To seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for borrowing approval for a loan of £110,000 over the borrowing term of 7 years for the refurbishment of Drummond Community Centre. The annual loan repayments will come to around £21,258 and it is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.**

8. **To appoint Councillors to the Personnel Committee**
   Councillor Keith House asked for volunteers to join the personnel committee. Cllr Shepherd was proposed by Cllr Keith House and seconded by Cllr Dave Kinloch. Cllr John Shepherd was appointed to the Personnel Committee until the

next Annual Meeting in May 2026. Cllr Paine was proposed by Cllr Keith House and seconded by Cllr Dave Kinloch. Cllr James Paine was appointed to the Personnel Committee until the next Annual Meeting in May 2026.

9. Chair's Remarks

Councillor Ron Nichols had no updates.

10. Resolved Items for NOTING Only:

(a) Highways & Planning Committee – 4 February and 18 February 2026 (Minute H876, H877 and H880)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 4 February and 18 February be received.

(b) Policy & Resources Committee – 3 March 2026 (Minute P1526, P1527, P1528 and P15333)
That the Minutes of the meeting of the 3 March be received.

11. Borough and County Reports

Cllr John Shepherd reported on the HEWEB meeting that took place on 9 March where grant applications were agreed including several in Hedge End. HEWEB also considered the planning application for Broadway Farm at Broad Oak.

Cllr Keith House reported on the Borough Council meeting that took place on the 26 February to set the 2026/27 budget.

Cllr House also gave an update on the Local Government Reorganisation with Hampshire still waiting for the unitary geographics announcement LGR from central government, however it is anticipated soon.

At a county level Cllr Keith House reported that at the Regulatory Committee consideration was given to a planning application for expansion at the Silverlake site. This was recommended for refusal.

Cllr John Shepherd reported that he had attended a briefing on the traffic management plans for the Southern Gateway of the Botley Bypass.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:18pm.